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AFFORDING IMPROVED WATER FASTNESS

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on January 26, 2006 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. This paper is deemed to be filed within the shortened statutory period and no petition or fee for an extension of time is required. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Patent Application, and charge any required fee deficiency to deposit account no.: 16-1885 based on prior authorization and, in the alternative, to deposit account no. 50-1924.

No amendments are believed to be required in response to the outstanding Action. Accordingly, the claims in their present form are shown below.